

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/606,568

Examiner

Jason Prone

Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed on 13 May 2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-3,5-26 and 28-36.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 28 February 2005 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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* Certified copies not received: _____.

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THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material

5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1-3, 5-26, and 28-36 are allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Claims 1-3, 5-13, 24-26, and 28-36 are allowable because of the apparatus with a frame adapted to couple to a sander having a first sanding pad made from a flexible/non-rigid material and a second sanding pad, made from a flexible/non-rigid material coupled to the frame as set forth in the claims. Claims 14-23 are allowable because of the combination of the sander and the dispenser incorporate a frame that is adapted to hold the sanding pad a predetermined distance away from the moving portion as set forth in the claims. In regards to Bourdunis (2,809,476 and 2,489,005), an apparatus is disclosed in which a frame adapted to couple to a sander having a first sanding pad and a second sanding pad, made from a flexible/non-rigid material coupled to the frame is disclosed. However, the structure that is considered the first sanding pad in both of the Bourdunis patents is a rigid material made to hold the apparatus together, therefore, there is no motivation to modify the first sanding pad in both patents to have flexible/non-rigid properties. None of the prior art cited discloses an apparatus that incorporates the use of a frame adapted to couple to a sander having a first sanding pad made from a flexible/non-rigid material and a second sanding pad, made from a flexible/non-rigid material coupled to the frame or the combination of the sander and the dispenser incorporate a frame that is adapted to hold the sanding pad a predetermined distance

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away from the moving portion. Therefore, in view of what has been stated above, the claims are allowable over the art of record.

3. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jason Prone whose telephone number is 571-272-4513. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30-5:00, Mon - (every other) Fri.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Allan N. Shoap can be reached on 571-272-4514. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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